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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/529,393	<b>Applicant(s)</b> JIANG ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Elli Peselev	<b>Art Unit</b> 1623	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-142 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-42 and 52-142 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 43-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 50 and 51 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                       | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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Applicant's election with traverse of Group V in the reply filed on 8/28/2008 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that compounds encompassed by Groups I, IV and VI overlap. This has been found persuasive because. Therefore, the restriction between Groups I, IV and VI is hereby withdrawn and said groups are rejoined.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 1-42 and 52-142 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 8/28/2008.

Claims 43-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

A conclusion of lack of enablement means that, based on the evidence regarding each of the factors below, the specification, at the time the application was filed, would not have taught one skilled in the art how to make and/or use the full scope of the claimed invention without undue experimentation.

(A) The breadth of the claims.

The terminology "carbohydrate moiety" (claim 43) encompasses all carbohydrate, including monosaccharides, disaccharides, oligosaccharides and polysaccharides.

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The terms "alkyl", and "alkanyl" are not limited to any number of carbon atoms.

The tem "spacer" is not limited o any chemical formula.

(B) The level of predictability in the art.

It is well known in the pharmaceutical art that even minor variations in the chemical formula of the compound have unpredictable results on the activity and properties of said compound.

(C ) The amount of direction provided by the inventor.

The inventor has failed to provide specific definations of the terms such as carbohydrate, alkyl and alkanyl.

(D) The existence of working examples.

The limited number of examples set forth in the specification is not commensurate with the full scope of the claimed invention.

(E) The quantity of experimentation needed to make or us the invention based on the content of the disclosure.

Because there is no way to predict a priori which specific compounds encompassed by the present claims will have a desired activity or properties, it would take an enormous amount of trial and error to test the compounds encompassed by the present claims.

Claims 43-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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The terminology “R comprises” and “an organic moiety comprising a steroidal moiety” (claim 43) renders the claimed structural formula indefinite since it leaves the moieties open-ended i.e the metes and bounds of the claimed invention cannot be determined.

Claim 46 is indefinite in the variables F, Z and Z' have not been defined.

Claims 50 and 51 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elli Peselev whose telephone number is (571) 272-0659. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00-4.30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shaojia Jiang can be reached on (571) 272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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